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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 CB SURETY LLC, et al.,
15 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-02812-TLN-DB
(Assigned to Hon. Troy L. Nunley)

**RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF
SERVICE OF SUBPOENA TO
SOUTHERN TITLE HOLDING
COMPANY, LLC**

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1 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, under Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure, the attached subpoena to produce documents, information, or objects and
3 to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material will be served on
4 the Southern Title Holding Company, LLC.

5 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Rule 45 of the Federal
6 Rules of Civil Procedure, Receiver Kenneth R. Jones (“Receiver”) will issue a
7 subpoena to produce the requested documents identified in the subpoena on April
8 25, 2025, at 9:00 am, to the offices of DLA Piper LLP (US), 4365 Executive Drive,
9 Suite 1100, San Diego, CA 92121.

10 A copy of the subpoena and the Preliminary Injunction authorizing the
11 Receiver to request these documents and records is attached hereto.

12 Dated: March 24, 2025

DLA PIPER LLP (US)

14 By: /s/ Oliver M. Kiefer
15 Oliver M. Kiefer

16 Attorneys for Receiver

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of March, 2025, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of the filing to all participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users.

/s/ Oliver M. Kiefer

Oliver M. Kiefer
Attorney for Receiver
Kenneth R. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 for the
 Eastern District of California

United States of America

Plaintiff

v.

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Civil Action No. 2:23-cv-2812

CB Surety LLC, et al.

Defendant

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**SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS
 OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION**

To: Southern Title Holding Company, LLC, 2335 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

Production: **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

All documents pertaining to the closing and purchase of the property located at 1428 New Bolton Dr, Port Orange, FL 32129 on March 11, 2021

Place: DLA Piper LLP (US) 4365 Executive Dr., Suite 1100, San Diego, CA, 92121	Date and Time: April 25, 2025; 9:00am
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Inspection of Premises: **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:	Date and Time:
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The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 3/25/2025

CLERK OF COURT

OR

/s/ Oliver M. Kiefer

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing *(name of party)* Receiver
Kenneth R. Jones, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

DLA Piper LLP (US) 4365 Executive Dr., Suite 1100, San Diego, CA, 92121

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

Civil Action No. _____

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

I received this subpoena for (name of individual and title, if any) _____
on (date) _____

I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: _____

_____ on (date) _____; or

I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of

\$ _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00 _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)

(c) Place of Compliance.

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

(A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and

(B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) Appearance Not Required. A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) Objections. A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

(i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.

(ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) When Required. On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) When Permitted. To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) Specifying Conditions as an Alternative. In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) Documents. A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified. If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form. The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information. The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) Information Withheld. A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) Information Produced. If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

United States of America,

Civil Case No. 2:23-cv-02812-TLN-DB

Plaintiff,

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WITH
ASSET FREEZE, RECEIVER, AND
OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

v.

CB SURETY, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

1 On December 1, 2023, the United States of America filed its Complaint for Temporary
2 Restraining Order, Preliminary and Permanent Injunctions, and Other Equitable Relief (the
3 “Complaint”) (ECF No. 1) against Defendants, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, based on
4 Defendants’ alleged violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344, and 1349.

5 On December 6, 2023, the Court issued its Order granting the United States’ *Ex Parte*
6 Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO”) (ECF No. 7) and set a preliminary
7 injunction hearing for December 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. At the request of the United States, and
8 based on a showing of good cause, the Court reset the preliminary injunction hearing for January
9 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (ECF No. 19).

10 **FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF DECISION**

11 The Court, having considered the Complaint, the TRO Application, affidavits, exhibits,
12 and the brief filed in support thereof, and being otherwise advised, finds that:

13 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good
14 cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto and that venue in this district
15 is proper.

16 2. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged in and are likely to
17 engage in acts or practices that violate 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344, and 1349, and that the United
18 States is, therefore, likely to prevail on the merits of this action. The evidence submitted with the
19 United States’ Brief (the “Brief” or “Br.”) (ECF No. 2-1), including the Affidavit of Postal
20 Inspector Jason Chung and the exhibits thereto (the “Chung Affidavit”) (ECF No. 2-3),
21 demonstrates that the United States is likely to prove at trial that all Defendants have taken part
22 in a multi-year fraud scheme. Since at least 2017, Defendants have engaged in a two-fold scheme
23 to defraud financial institutions and consumers. *See Chung Aff. ¶ 21.* First, Defendants launder
24 transactions for their merchant clients by creating sham companies to disguise the true nature of
25 their merchant clients’ fraudulent, illegal, or high-risk activities. *See Chung Aff. ¶ 21–29, 46–74,*
26 164–167. Second, Defendants use fraudulent chargeback reduction tactics to allow their
27 merchant clients to maintain merchant accounts with member banks of card networks such as

1 Visa and Mastercard. *See* Chung Aff. ¶ 30–32, 75–81, 160–163. Without these deceptive tactics,
2 these financial institutions likely would not allow Defendants’ merchant clients to use their
3 services to process payments. *See* Chung Aff. ¶ 69–71, 137–142. Defendants’ ongoing bank and
4 wire fraud scheme is causing significant financial losses to consumers, including via thousands
5 of unauthorized debits against consumers’ payment cards perpetrated by Defendants’ merchant
6 clients. *See* Chung Aff. ¶ 83. Additionally, financial institutions are being harmed by
7 Defendants’ scheme, including by risking incurring fraudulent chargeback costs and fines as a
8 result of the scheme’s merchant clients’ high-risk or illegal activities. *See* Chung Aff. ¶¶ 31, 69–
9 71, 80, 139.

10 3. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable harm will result
11 from Defendants’ ongoing violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343, 1344, and 1349 unless they are
12 immediately restrained and enjoined by order of this Court. *See* Br. at 23, 25 (summarizing
13 evidence establishing likelihood of irreparable harm).

14 4. Good cause exists for freezing the assets of the Corporate Entities and Defendant
15 Eide and Defendant Smith. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1345(a)(2)(B)(i) (authorizing the Court to freeze a
16 defendant’s assets where there is evidence that the defendant “is alienating or disposing of
17 property, or intends to alienate or dispose of property, obtained as a result of a banking law
18 violation”); Br. at 25–28; Chung Aff. ¶¶ 146 (demonstrating that assets held by these Defendants
19 are the proceeds of bank fraud).

20 5. Good cause exists for appointing a temporary receiver over the Corporate Entities,
21 as well as any other entity that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by the Corporate
22 Entities, Defendant Eide, or Defendant Smith, and giving the United States and the Receiver
23 immediate access to CB Surety’s business premises. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1345(a)(2)(b)(ii)
24 (authorizing the Court to appoint a receiver); *Canada Life Assur. Co. v. LaPeter*, 563 F.3d 837,
25 844 (9th Cir. 2009) (discussing the relevant factors in determining whether to appoint a
26 receiver); Br. at 27–28 (summarizing evidence supporting receivership).

6. Weighing the equities and considering the United States' likelihood of ultimate success on the merits, a preliminary injunction order is in the public interest.

7. This Court has authority to issue this Order pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65.

8. No security is required of any agency of the United States for issuance of a preliminary injunction. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(c).

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

9. "Asset" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any property, wherever located and by whomever held.

10. "CB Surety" means CB Surety LLC, Peak Bakery LLC, Cascades Pointe at Clemson, LLC, and KP Testing, LLC.

11. “Corporate Entities” means CB Surety LLC, Peak Bakery LLC, Cascades Pointe at Clemson, LLC, KP Testing, LLC, Motion Media Marketing Inc., SJC Financial Services Inc., Reseller Consultants, Inc., Ambragold, Inc., Think Processing LLC, and Bass Business Consultants.

12. “Defendant(s)” means all the individuals and entities named as Defendants in the Complaint, individually, collectively, or in any combination.

13. "Document" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of "document" and "electronically stored information" in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a).

14. “Receiver” means the temporary receiver appointed in Section III of this Order and any deputy receivers that shall be named by the temporary receiver.

15. “Receivership Entities” means the Corporate Entities, as well as any other entity that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by the Corporate Entities, Defendants Eide, or Defendant Smith.

16. “Receivership Property” means any Assets, wherever located, that are: (1) owned, controlled, or held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities, in whole or in part; (2) in

1 the actual or constructive possession of the Receivership Entities; or (3) owned, controlled, or
2 held by, or in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any
3 corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the
4 Receivership Entities.

5 **ORDER**

6 **I. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

7 IT IS ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, contractors,
8 and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with them, who receive
9 actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are temporarily restrained and
10 enjoined from:

11 1. Committing or conspiring to commit wire fraud, as defined by 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343
12 and 1349;

13 2. Committing or conspiring to commit bank fraud, as defined by 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344
14 and 1349;

15 3. Charging or debiting any person or entity on behalf of any Corporate Entities or
16 for the purported purchase of any Corporate Entities' services;

17 4. Debiting funds from consumers' bank accounts or charging consumers' payment
18 cards without their prior authorization;

19 5. Incorporating or creating any corporate entity for the purpose of debiting funds
20 from consumers' bank accounts without their prior authorization;

21 6. Incorporating or creating any corporate entity for the purpose of facilitating
22 payment processing or obtaining merchant accounts;

23 7. Creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, whether
24 newly formed or previously inactive, without first providing the United States with a written
25 statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number
26 of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals,
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1 managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended
2 activities; and

3 8. Destroying, deleting, moving, removing or transferring any and all business,
4 financial, accounting, and other records concerning Defendants' operations and the operations of
5 any other corporate entity owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by Defendants; and failing to
6 create and maintain Documents that, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely
7 reflect Defendants' incomes, disbursements, transactions, and use of Defendants' Assets.

8 **II. ASSET FREEZE**

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as otherwise specified herein, the Assets of the
10 Corporate Entities, Receivership Entities, and Defendants Eide and Smith are frozen until further
11 notice of this Court. Accordingly, all persons and entities with direct or indirect control over any
12 of Corporate Entities', Receivership Entities', Defendant Eide's, or Defendant Smith's Assets,
13 including any financial or brokerage institution, bank, payment processor, business entity, or
14 person, who receives actual notice of this Order (by service or otherwise) shall:

15 1. Hold, preserve, and retain within its control and prohibit the withdrawal, removal,
16 alteration, assignment, transfer, pledge, encumbrance, disbursement, dissipation, relinquishment,
17 conversion, sale, or other disposal of any Asset, as well as all Documents or other property
18 related to such Assets, except by further order of this Court; and

19 2. Deny any person access to any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage
20 facility that is titled in the name of any Corporate Entity, Receivership Entity, Defendant Eide, or
21 Defendant Smith or otherwise subject to access by any Corporate Entity, Receivership Entity,
22 Defendant Eide, or Defendant Smith.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Corporate Entities, Receivership Entities,
24 Defendant Eide, and Defendant Smith, their officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all
25 other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of
26 this Order (by service or otherwise), are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from
27 transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning, selling, concealing,

1 dissipating, disbursing, assigning, relinquishing, spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or
2 security interest or other interest in, or otherwise disposing of any of a Corporate Entity's, a
3 Receivership Entity's, Defendant Eide's, or Defendant Smith's Assets.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Corporate Entity, Defendant Eide, and Defendant
5 Smith shall, to the extent they have not already done so, provide to the United States, within
6 seven (7) days of receiving a copy of this Order, a list of all financial or brokerage institutions,
7 banks, or other entities at which they maintain savings, checking, investment, merchant, or other
8 accounts.

9 This Section does not prohibit any transfers to the Receiver required by this Order.

10 III. RECEIVERSHIP

11 A. APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as set forth in the Temporary Restraining Order (ECF
13 No. 7), Kenneth R. Jones shall serve as a temporary receiver of the Receivership Entities with
14 full powers of an equity receiver. The Receiver shall be solely the agent of this Court in acting as
15 Receiver under this Order.

16 B. RECEIVERSHIP POWERS AND DUTIES

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver is directed and authorized to accomplish
18 the following:

19 1. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Receivership Property, and
20 Documents and Assets in the possession, custody, or control of any Receivership Entity,
21 wherever situated, except those assets seized by the United States pursuant to a valid order of a
22 court. The Receiver shall have full power to divert mail, and to sue for, collect, receive, take in
23 possession, hold, and manage all Receivership Property; provided, however, the Receiver shall
24 not attempt to collect any amount from a person if the Receiver believes the person was a victim
25 of the wire or bank fraud scheme alleged in the Complaint in this matter;

1 2. The Receiver shall also assume control over all of the Receivership Entities' 2 ongoing business operations, including those in which the Receivership Entities have a 3 controlling interest. With regard to these business operations, the Receiver shall:

- 4 a. Assume full and exclusive control of the operations of the Receivership 5 Entities, removing, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable, any 6 director, officer, independent contractor, employee, or agent of the 7 Receivership Entities from control of, management of, or participating in, 8 the business affairs of each of the Receivership Entities;
- 9 b. Take all steps necessary or desirable to secure the business premises of the 10 Receivership Entities. Such steps may include, but are not limited to, the 11 following as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable: (i) completing a 12 written inventory of all assets; (ii) obtaining pertinent information from all 13 employees and other agents and all accrued and unpaid commissions and 14 compensation of each such employee or agent; (iii) videotaping all 15 portions of the above-referenced business locations; (iv) securing the 16 above-referenced business locations by changing the locks and 17 disconnecting any Internet service or other means of access to the 18 computer or other records maintained at the locations;
- 19 c. Manage, administer, and conduct the operations of the ongoing legitimate 20 business operations of the Receivership Entities, until further Order of this 21 Court, by performing all incidental acts that the Receiver deems to be 22 advisable or necessary; and
- 23 d. Choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, property 24 managers, and other independent contractors and technical specialists or 25 other professionals ("Professionals"), with regard to the operations of the 26 Receivership Entities and/or support and advice to the Receiver as the 27

Receiver deems advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;

3. Defend, compromise, or settle legal actions wherein the Receiver or any of the Receivership Entities is a party commenced prior to or subsequent to this Order with the authorization of this Court. The Receiver may waive attorney-client privilege held by any of the Receivership Entities;

4. Issue subpoenas to obtain Documents and records pertaining to the Receivership, and conduct discovery in this action on behalf of the receivership estate;

5. Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the authority granted by, this Order, and to incur, or authorize the making of, such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging its duties as Receiver. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for prior approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the Receivership Entities prior to the date of entry of this Order, except payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure Assets of the Receivership Entities, such as rental payments. The Receiver shall not be required to perform under any contract or lease entered into by the Receivership Entities prior to the date on which he assumes possession of the Receivership Assets;

6. Maintain accurate records of all receipts and expenditures incurred as Receiver;

7. Coordinate with the United States and Court personnel as needed to ensure that any Assets subject to the terms of this Order are available for criminal restitution, forfeiture, or other legal remedies in proceedings commenced by or on behalf of the United States;

8. Cooperate with reasonable requests for information or assistance from any state or federal civil or criminal law enforcement agency; and

9. File a status report every 60 days with the Court.

The Receiver shall have the power and authority to perform any other act necessary or desirable to accomplish any of the foregoing.

C. COOPERATION WITH THE RECEIVER

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants; Receivership Entities; Defendants' or
2 Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and all other persons in active
3 concert or participation with any of them; and any other person with possession, custody, or
4 control of Receivership Property or records relating to Receivership Property, or other records
5 relating to the Receivership Entities; who receive actual notice of this Order, shall fully
6 cooperate with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall include, but is not
7 limited to, providing information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary to exercise
8 the authority and discharge the responsibilities of the Receiver under this Order; providing any
9 keys, codes, user names, passwords, and all other means required to access any computers,
10 electronic devices, mobile devices, machines (onsite or remotely), and any cloud account
11 (including specific method to access account) or electronic file in any medium; advising all
12 persons who owe money to any Receivership Entity that all debts should be paid directly to the
13 Receiver; and transferring funds at the Receiver's direction and producing records related to the
14 Receivership Property and sales of the Receivership Entities.

15 **D. TRANSFER OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY TO RECEIVER**

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and any other person with possession,
17 custody or control of Receivership Property shall, upon notice of this Order by personal service
18 or otherwise, fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver in taking and maintaining possession,
19 custody, or control of the Receivership Property. This shall include, but not be limited to, to the
20 extent they have not already done so, immediately providing, transferring, or delivering to the
21 Receiver possession, custody, and control of:

22 1. All Assets held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities;
23 2. All Documents or Assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made on
24 behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by payment
25 processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales
26 organizations, third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
27 3. All Documents of or pertaining to the Receivership Entities;

1 4. All computers, electronic devices, mobile devices, and machines used to conduct
2 the business of the Receivership Entities;

3 5. All keys, codes, user names, passwords, and all other means of authentication
4 necessary to gain or to secure access to any Assets or Documents of or pertaining to the
5 Receivership Entities, including access to their business premises, means of communication,
6 mobile phones, accounts, computer systems (onsite and remote), electronic data hosts, or other
7 property.

8 Provided that nothing in this Section shall be construed to require the United States or a
9 law enforcement agency to transfer Assets, Receivership Property, or Documents to the Receiver
10 that it has seized pursuant to a valid order of a court.

11 In the event that any person or entity fails to deliver or transfer any Asset, Document, or
12 otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this Section, the Receiver may file an Affidavit
13 of Non-Compliance regarding the failure and a motion seeking compliance or a contempt
14 citation.

15 **E. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO RECEIVER**

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants shall, to the extent they have not
17 already done so, immediately provide to the Receiver:

18 1. A list of all Assets and accounts of the Receivership Entities, including but not
19 limited to those that are held in any name other than the name of a Receivership Entity, or by any
20 person or entity other than a Receivership Entity;

21 2. A list of all agents, employees, officers, attorneys, contractors, servants and those
22 persons in active concert and participation with the Receivership Entities, or who have been
23 associated or done business with the Receivership Entities; and

24 3. A description of any documents covered by attorney-client privilege or attorney
25 work product, including files where such documents are likely to be located, authors or recipients
26 of such documents, and search terms likely to identify such electronic documents.

27 **F. DUTIES OF ASSET HOLDERS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES**

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any financial or brokerage institution, bank, payment
2 processor, business entity, or person who receives actual notice of this Order (by service or
3 otherwise), who has held the Receivership Entities' Assets, through an account or otherwise, and
4 to the extent it has not already done so, shall:

5 1. Provide the Receiver, within ten business days of notice of this Order, a statement
6 setting forth: (1) the identification of each such account or Asset; (2) the balance of each such
7 account, or a description of the nature and value of each such Asset; and (3) the identification of
8 any safe deposit box, commercial mail box, or storage facility that is either titled in the name,
9 individually or jointly, of any Receivership Entity, or is otherwise subject to access by any
10 Receivership Entity;

11 2. Upon the Receiver's request, promptly provide the Receiver with copies of all
12 records or other Documents pertaining to any account covered by this Section or Asset, including
13 originals or copies of account applications, account statements, signature cards, checks, drafts,
14 deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts, including wire transfers and wire transfer
15 instructions, all other debit and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099
16 forms, and all logs and records pertaining to safe deposit boxes, commercial mail boxes, and
17 storage facilities; and

18 3. Cooperate with all reasonable requests of the Receiver relating to implementation
19 of this Order, including transferring funds at the Receiver's direction and producing records
20 related to all accounts owned by each of the Defendants.

21 **G. COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER**

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Receiver and all personnel hired by the Receiver as
23 herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to reasonable
24 compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-
25 of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the assets now held by or in the possession or control
26 of, or which may be received by, the Receivership Entities. Receiver shall be paid based on an
27 hourly rate, which may be increased annually on notice to the Court at the time that Alvarez and

1 Marsal (“A&M” or the “Receive Firm”) generally increases its rates. Hourly rates for A&M
2 personnel engaged or utilized by the Receiver shall be based on their standard hourly rates. In
3 addition, Receiver shall be reimbursed for all out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred in the
4 discharge of its rights and obligations hereunder.

5 Such fees and expenses shall be payable monthly without the requirement of a further
6 order of this Court, provided, however, that the Receiver shall file with the Court and serve on
7 the parties periodic accountings describing the Receiver’s and A&M’s compensation, with the
8 first disclosure filed no more than sixty (60) days after the date of this Order.

9 All fees and expenses of the Receiver (including without limitation the indemnification
10 provisions set forth above) shall constitute a first lien and charge against the Receivership
11 Assets, with priority ahead of all other liens and security interests, including without limitation
12 the liens and security interests of all other persons and entities.

13 **IV. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THE RECEIVER**

14 The Professionals retained by the Receiver may include, without limitation, the
15 Receiver’s employer and/or its affiliates (the “Receiver Firm”). The Receiver is hereby expressly
16 authorized and directed to utilize and retain the services the Receiver Firm, its affiliates and
17 personnel as Professionals (rather than utilizing other similarly situated or available personnel or
18 professional services firms) notwithstanding that (a) the Receiver may benefit (directly or
19 indirectly) from the compensation paid to the Receiver Firm and (b) other persons or entities
20 may be available to provide the same or similar services at similar or more competitive prices. In
21 no event shall the Receiver, Receiver Firm, or their affiliates be subject to a claim of a conflict of
22 interest or breach of fiduciary duty or any other claim arising as a result of the appointment of
23 any such person in accordance with this provision.

24 Receiver shall be authorized on the Receivership Entities’ behalf to cause the Receiver
25 and its agents to be named as an additional insured on any insurance policies covering the
26 Receivership Assets. Receiver may, in its discretion, obtain insurance covering the Receivership
27 Assets, and such insurance expense shall be deemed a normal, ordinary, and necessary operating

1 expense of the Receivership Assets. Receiver may, in its discretion, obtain receivership,
2 fiduciary and/or errors & omissions liability insurance covering the acts and omissions and
3 related claims against the Receiver arising from the Receivership and the cost shall be deemed a
4 normal, ordinary, and necessary operating expense of the Receivership Assets.

5 The Receiver may, in its sole and absolute discretion, resign its position as Receiver by
6 providing not less than thirty (30) days written notice to this Court. The Receiver shall not be
7 required to obtain the approval of this Court prior to resigning as receiver hereunder.

8 The Receiver is authorized to serve with no bond.

9 The liability of the Receiver and the Receiver's advisors, agents, representatives,
10 employees, affiliates, successors and assigns (including but not limited to the Receiver Firm)
11 ("Exculpation Parties"), for any and all claims, liabilities, damages, fees, costs, expense and
12 charges incurred or arising from their respective acts or omissions in connection with the
13 Receivership Entities, this Order, the receivership established pursuant to this Order, and/or the
14 Receivership Assets ("Related Matters"), shall exist only to the extent that this Court determines
15 by a final and non-appealable judgment that such acts or omissions resulted solely from such
16 person's bad faith or gross negligence. Any such liability shall be paid as an expense of the
17 receivership when and as incurred. The Receiver shall be fully protected by the Receivership
18 Estate from, any action taken or suffered or omitted by the Receiver in reliance upon the advice
19 of Professionals, attorneys, advisors or others, except for in the case of willful misconduct, gross
20 negligence or fraud of the Receiver as determined by a final order of this Court. Notwithstanding
21 the foregoing, the Receiver shall be under no obligation to consult with others, and the
22 Receiver's good faith determination not to do so shall not result in the imposition of liability on
23 the Receiver, unless such determination arises from the Receiver's willful misconduct, gross
24 negligence, or fraud. Persons or entities dealing with the Receiver shall look only to the Receiver
25 Assets to satisfy any liability incurred by the Receiver, and the Receiver (and any affiliated
26 entities or persons, including, without limitation, the Receiver Firm) shall have no personal or
27 individual obligation to satisfy any such liability. The Receiver shall be entitled to obtain such

1 insurance coverage as it may deem reasonable to protect itself and the Exculpation Parties
2 against claims and liability which are covered, or not covered, by the foregoing exculpation, and
3 any premiums or fees for such insurance shall be paid from the Receivership Assets. This
4 paragraph shall survive the termination or resignation of Receiver, and the termination or
5 suspension of the receivership created hereunder.

6 In the event that, at any time whether before or after termination or resignation of the
7 Receiver of this receivership, as a result of or in connection with the Related Matters, any
8 Exculpation Party is required to produce any of its personnel (including former employees) for
9 examination, deposition or other written, recorded or oral presentation, or the Receiver or any
10 other Exculpation Party is required to produce or otherwise review, compile, submit, duplicate,
11 search for, organize or report on any material within such Exculpation Party's possession or
12 control pursuant to a subpoena or other legal (including administrative) process, the Exculpation
13 Party will be reimbursed from the Receivership Assets for its out of pocket expenses, including
14 the reasonable fees and expenses of its counsel, and will be compensated from the Receivership
15 Assets for the time expended by its personnel based on such personnel's then current hourly rate.

16 No provision of this Order shall require the Receiver to expend or risk its own funds or
17 otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties as Receiver
18 hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if the Receiver shall have reasonable
19 grounds for believing that repayment of funds or adequate indemnity or security satisfactory to
20 him against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

21 This Court shall retain jurisdiction and supervision of all matters concerning the
22 Receiver, the receivership created hereby, and the Receivership Assets. No person or entity may
23 file suit against the Receiver, in its capacity as Receiver, unless otherwise authorized in advance
24 by this Court. Any and all actions against the Receiver which affect the Receiver or the
25 Receivership Assets shall be brought in this Court, and any attempt to collect from any
26 Receivership Assets must be brought in this Court. Any judgment entered against the Receiver
27 shall not be valid unless approved by this Court. The Receiver may apply at any time to the

1 Court, with notice to all other parties appearing in this case, for further instruction and for further
2 power necessary to enable the Receiver to properly fulfill its duties.

3 **V. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS**

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this
5 Order to each affiliate, successor, assign, member, officer, director, employee, agent,
6 independent contractor, client, attorney, spouse, subsidiary, division, and representative of any
7 Defendant, and shall, within ten (10) days from the date the Defendant receives notice of this
8 Order, provide the United States with a sworn statement that this provision of the Order has been
9 satisfied, which statement shall include the names, physical addresses, phone number, and email
10 addresses of each such person or entity who received a copy of the Order. Furthermore,
11 Defendants shall not take any action that would encourage officers, agents, members, directors,
12 employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors,
13 assigns or other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them, to disregard this
14 Order or believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

15 **VI. SERVICE OF THIS ORDER**

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States is directed to serve all Defendants
17 who do not receive a copy of this Order via ECF with copies of this Order.

18 With regard to Defendant Bass, the United States may provide notice via email. The
19 United States may also provide notice to other Defendants via email in advance of completing
20 service.

21 **VII. DURATION OF THE ORDER**

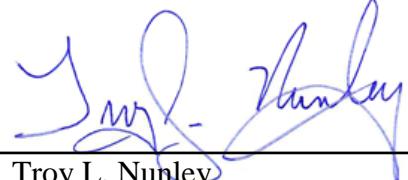
22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall expire upon entry of final judgement in
23 this case.

24 **VIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all
26 purposes.

1 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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Dated: January 5, 2024


Troy L. Nunley
United States District Judge

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